



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**

Sun ✕ 23 Jan	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF THE WORD OF GOD)	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	Pro Populo - for the people of the Parish For Frances Reynolds RIP For Emily Theobalds RIP
Mon 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	No Mass at SJF	
Tue 25 Jan	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	Mass at 9.30am	For all priests of Westminster Diocese
Wed 26 Jan	Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops	Mass at 9.30am	For Fr Peter Preston RIP
Thur 27 Jan	Feria (Holocaust Memorial Day)	Mass at 9.30am	For all who died in the Holocaust
Fri 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	Mass at 9.30am	For an offering up of this New Year to the Lord, that he will continue to guide us and bless us.
Sat 29 Jan	The BVM on Saturday	Mass at 10.00am	For all who are enrolled on the RCIA Programme
Sun ✕ 30 Jan	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm Sat Vigil 8.30am 10.30am	For Joao Rodrigues Teixeira RIP For Dennis & Dorothy Hooper RIP For Frances Reynolds RIP

Holy Rosary Prayers: on Wednesdays following 9.30am Mass

Exposition and Benediction: on Fridays 10.00am –10.30am (Eucharistic Adoration)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) Saturdays at 5.30pm, or on request

Prayer request box: for your prayers, to be offered during the praying of the Holy Rosary, is situated at the back of the church. Prayers are offered on Wednesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

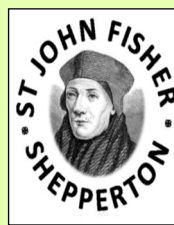
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Sunday 23rd January 2022
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Sunday cycle
Readings Year C
 Weekday Readings
 Week 3—Year 2
 Divine Office
 Psalter Week 3



After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - who we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal time to think about reading the Holy Scriptures in a new way. A Divine way. Try out this new, Divine way of reading the Holy Bible, you might be surprised by the results :

LECTIO DIVINA - DIVINE READING

Find a little time to be by yourself. Start by placing yourself in the presence of God by asking the Holy Spirit to open your mind.

Lectio: Read a scripture passage. Read it again, more slowly, noticing any word or phrase which stands out. Read it again if necessary.

Meditatio: Think about the word or phrase which stood out. If helpful, write your thoughts down.

Oratio: Listen to God. Is there a reason this word or phrase is significant to me right now? What emotions am I feeling?

Contemplatio: Is God calling me to do something? To be patient? To action in my community? To forgive someone? To ask for forgiveness? Now make a commitment to act on your contemplation.

Finish by thanking God for this time spent in prayer. Or close with a traditional prayer, such as an Our Father or a Glory Be.

**ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WELCOME This newsletter gives some information for the week ahead. There are also weekly sheets available in church for children called 'LOOK' to take away. Children's Mass cards and Missals are also available to use. It's great to have you with us.

FRANCES REYNOLDS RIP: With great sadness, we reported last week that Frances had died in hospital. Her Funeral Mass will be here at SJF on Wednesday 9th February at 2.15pm. This will be followed by a private cremation. Please continue to keep Frances and her family: children: Anne, Paul, Simon and Stephen in your prayers at this time.

UPDATE ON FACE COVERINGS: The Government is relaxing Covid restrictions, including face coverings in certain environments. For the time being, we will continue to require face coverings in Church, whilst we are awaiting further guidance from our Bishops. Thanks for your continued cooperation.



THANK YOU to all who took time to consider and complete the Synodal Pathway Questionnaire. Our parish responses have now been collated and returned to the Diocese, to be included in the Diocesan submission to Rome. Many thanks to Antoinette for her time and expertise in collating and submitting our responses.

IT WORKS! We have finally managed to reset the card reader, for those who make their church donations by card. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you to all who help SJF church, in your regular giving. We wouldn't be able to pay our bills without your support.

LITTLE CHURCH: We invite children who are in year four at school and below, to attend Little Church at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Parents are welcome to join their child in Little Church, until they are confident to attend by themselves.

HOLY WATER FOR USE AT HOME is available from the Holy Water Dispenser, located close to the font and the statue of St John Fisher.

PALM CROSSES - it's time to recycle! It's that time of the year, when we ask parishioners to return any old palm crosses, so that they can be burnt, to make the ash for Ash Wednesday, which falls on 2nd March this year. Do you have any palm crosses for burning? We shall be collecting from next week so look out or the returns basket at the back of the church.

REFRESHMENTS after the 10.30am Mass are suspended until this can be reviewed again. Thank you for your understanding.

IT'S A LOVELY GIFT TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED FOR YOUR INTENTIONS: We have some dates currently available. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, contact the office. The diocesan recommendation for your offering is £10 or whatever you can afford.

HOLY BAPTISM Please contact Fr Shaun for registration for Holy Baptism. Parents should be attending Mass weekly, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Baptism leaflets explaining this Holy Sacrament, with important information regarding God parents are available in church.

CONTACTING THE OFFICE: Please be patient if contacting the office whilst Nathalie is away.

GOING AWAY AND WANT TO WATCH ONLINE? You can pray the Mass with us online if you are house bound or away, just go to You Tube and type 'St John Fisher Shepperton' into the search area

PROGRAMMES: The First Holy Communion Programme has started and the RCIA programme for adults has resumed. Please continue to pray for all on these programmes and for our catechists who gift their time voluntarily to the Church, proclaiming the faith.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For those not receiving Holy Communion or at home) My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February
Ash Wednesday - 2nd March
1st Sunday of Lent - 6th March
St Patrick -17th March
St Joseph -19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th March
Palm Sunday – Holy Week commences 10th April
Maundy Thursday - 14th April
Good Friday - 15th April
Holy Saturday - 16th April
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 17th April

FOOD BANK BOX: Thank you for bringing in non perishable food for our Food Bank Box, by the entrance. Your contributions are going to local people who need some extra support. A message from the Jubilee Food Bank: *We at Jubilee Church Shepperton want to say a huge thank you for all your generous gifts and donations to our foodbank, Bags of Food. It really does make a difference to families and individuals who are going through a hard time at the moment. We are very dependent on the lovely community in Shepperton to be able to support those who need it, so thank you very much everyone at St John Fisher's Church.*

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: The 27th January is the day we remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and the millions of people killed under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. 27th January marks the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. On HMD, we all have a role to play to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past, to create a safer, better future.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and enthusiastic teacher to join the RE Department to lead and manage Key Stage attainment & achievement. Application packs are available at www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk. Closing date for applications: Thursday 10 February 2022.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS SCHOOL are looking for outstanding practitioners for September 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning. Salary negotiable dependent upon calibre and experience. Current teaching

vacancies: Subject Leader of Physics (closing date 6th February), Teacher of English (closing date 4th February) Additionally - Assistant Site Manager (closing date Friday 28th January) please contact [:https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies](https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies)

TOTAL COLLECTIONS AT MASSES LAST WEEK

Loose giving in the plate £143
Giving using offertory envelopes £192
Giving by bank standing order £813 during Dec. (including Christmas donations)
Thank you, for supporting your church.

BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP If you would like to sponsor the Blessed Sacrament Lamp, which burns next to the Tabernacle, just let the office know your preferred week and your intention. The cost is just £5 for the whole week.

GOOD WITH COMPUTERS? We are looking for a keen volunteer to help out, on an ad hoc basis in the Parish Office. You might be retired, semi retired, at home or a teenager on further studies. If you can spare a couple of hours occasionally during the day, have a chat with Fr Shaun.

CRISIS PREGNANCY: The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic Pro-life group providing creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards. They can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please go to: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

PARISH WEB: Our web site can be viewed here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/shepperton>

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP

is sponsored this week by Rita, for the repose of the soul of Tony Hill. May he rest in Peace

PRAYING FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

For Jarek, Tom O'Malley, Frances Reynolds
ANNIVERSARIES THIS JANUARY
Ellen Mary Walsh, Anne Atfield, John Gregson,
Arthur Mitchell, Francis Kane,
Charles Butterworth, Michael Thompson,
Michael Tinsley, Margaret Anderson,
Marina Schwartz, Mario Coppi, Margaret Walker,
Marion Dollery, Robert Ekkel, Tony Hill

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM O LORD